

Adopted Codes

The following codes are the prevailing codes for the City of San Diego and are effective November 1, 2002:

1. 2001 California Building Code (CBC)
2. 2001 California Fire Code (CFC)
3. Title 19 of the California Code of regulations

The requirements for sprinkler, standpipe, or fire alarm systems are stated in the CBC and CFC. The codes only state if the system is required. The design requirements are found in the CBC and CFC standards. The CBC and CFC amend and adopt specific editions of NFPA standards. Requirements that are not covered by these specific standards shall be governed by applicable NFPA standards or other nationally recognized standards.

This booklet is intended to clarify and formalize code and standard requirements. There are some areas where code provisions have been changed, but they are few. The hierarchy then is to use the CBC and CFC to determine if the system is required, then obtain design specifics in the code standards or other nationally recognized standards.